

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on July 3, 2012 at Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Present: Hamilton, Timmons, Lamb, Sears, Spicer
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the June 19, 2012 council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Sears, Timmons, Hamilton, Spicer
Nays: none

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the payment of bills as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Lamb, Hamilton, Sears, Spicer
Nays: none

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports, Additional Agenda Items & Public Comments:

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Sea Cadet Announcement & Request
2. Budget Meeting Information
3. Appreciation Announcement

Mr. Bill Palaima, Account Manager of Liberty National Insurance Company, reviewed with the Council various supplemental health benefit plans offered by Liberty National Insurance Company. It was determined the Village Clerk will provide employees with information regarding the plan offerings and allow employees determine whether they would like to have a follow up meeting with Mr. Palaima.

Old Business:

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons announced that the Sea Cadets will be in Seneca during the week of July 9th; projected work will include moving the Seneca Police Station into the new Village Hall Police Station addition, assistance with repair work to the Seneca Depot building as well as improvements to the Seneca Boat Launch area. In addition, Comm. Timmons asked that the Council consider a donation of \$125.00 for the Sea Cadets use of

the Marseilles municipal swimming pool during their week; consensus of Council was to allow this expenditure. Comm. Timmons handed out information on the upcoming July 17, 2012 6:00pm village budget meeting.

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated that the agenda item of legal fees for purchase of property be tabled.

New Business:

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons reviewed the previous request from Mr. David Thompson, resident of Valley View subdivision to eliminate or move the fireworks show during the summer festival. After the 2012 festival fireworks were shown, four council members visited his property discovering multiple firework debris and soot; it was decided to have the village summer help clean up the mess and discuss an alternate location for future firework shows. Commissioner Jerry Sears was determined to be the village point of contact for this topic.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb commended residents Mr. & Mrs. Rick Bryant for their part in beautifying the property located on the Rat Run Creek off Main Street, many thanks were given to the hours of landscaping and money spent on this project.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that the Seneca Emergency Management employees Kathy Angelakos and James Fiedler completed the Seneca Emergency Operation Plan Document for the Council review and passage. Village Council commended both employees for a job well done.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Village Council approves the Emergency Operations Plan.

Roll Call: Ayes: Sears, Hamilton, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer

Nays: none

Mayor Spicer started discussion on the topic of the previously allowed discharge of weapons on the Wehrli property located south of the river bridge within village limits by Seneca and Marseilles police officers with a qualified range officer present. This special use was permitted by motion on October 5, 2010. Plan Commission member Jay Harvey brought light to the fact that the fencing and signs were removed from the property by a new owner thus making this property unsafe for this use; Mayor Spicer informed Council

that he spoke to the new property owner, determined that the fencing and signs were in fact removed and will not be replaced; therefore, his position was to cancel the previously allowed motion for this purpose.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council *not* authorize the discharge of weapons by police officers in the village limits on the former Wehrli property.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Lamb, Timmons, Sears, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council enters into executive session to discuss appointment or removal of public officers, personnel and purchase or lease of real estate and Collective Bargaining.

Roll Call: Ayes: Sears, Hamilton, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council returns to regular session.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Hamilton, Sears, Spicer
Nays: none

Mayor Spicer began discussion on the April 17, 2012 Council approved 18 acre Ellis family property annexation; it was stated at the time of annexation that no specific conditions were asked by the Ellis family; but a condition request has recently been made by David Ellis for a 20 year tax abatement on the entire property as well as Village waiving sewer hook-up fees for a period of five years on said property. After discussion of Mr. Ellis' request by Council, it was determined to proceed with tax abatement for two parcels, owners being David and Jenny Ellis and John and Sandra Ellis only; in addition, it was also announced that prior approval by Commissioner Hamilton, Public Property was given for the sewer tap-on fee of \$1250.00 for David and Jenny Ellis' property and no further tap-on fees will be forgiven. It was also noted that the two approved tax abatement parcels will be non-transferable to future owners and would run with the land.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the July 3, 2012 Council Meeting is adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Timmons, Sears, Lamb, Spicer
Nays: none

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk